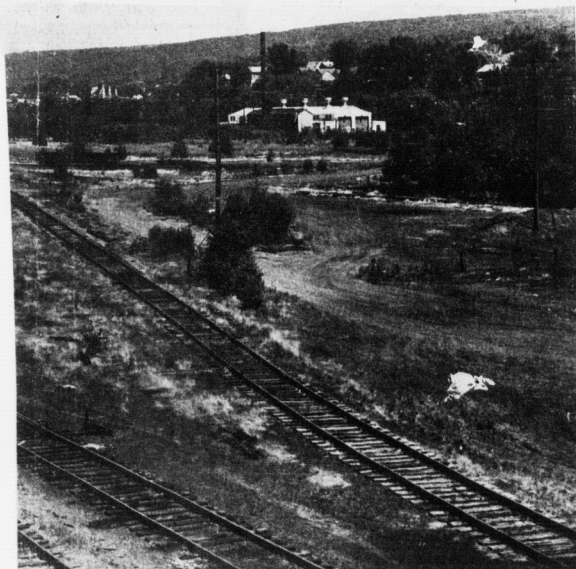


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into a thriving economic center for Carbondale. (NEWS Photo)

virtually the only location in Northeastern Pa. where an industrial site can be built with adequate rail facilities. He added that many industrial prospects demand railroad sidings and that in the past, such clients didn't consider this area because such sites didn't exist.

Another factor that makes the D&H yards an attractive industrial site is the fact that very little underground mining was done there. "The D&H was owned by the Hudson Coal Co., and they didn't mine under their own land," White explained. "So that land is about the most stable land anywhere in the valley."

White suggested that a committee contact the D&H Railroad and make arrangements to buy land for an industrial plant. The committee would then arrange to have a building shell erected at the site so that Carbondale would have something to show an industrial prospect. White recommended that at the same time, the committee contact Lt. Governor Bill Scranton Jr. to try speeding up the viaduct demolition, since it is imperative that a new access route to the plant site be developed.

At the request of Chamber of Commerce Chairman Charlotte Moro, several

men, including Ben Dann Jr., Don Hoyle, Don Mauro, Anthony Perri, Ed Proppe, and Frank Hopkins agreed to discuss forming a committee and having their companies represented. The companies which they represent are Hendrick Mfg., First National Bank of Carbondale, National Standard, Perri Real Estate, Gentex, and Northeastern Bank, respectively.

The next meeting of the Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for August 12 at noon. Reservations for the luncheon meeting may be made by calling the chamber office. Any interested citizen may become a chamber member.